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Scrub Typhus Disease
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there has been an outbreak of the Scrub Typhus disease in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to support the State Governments in tackling the outbreak of the disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a) & (b): As per World Health Organization, a disease outbreak is defined as the occurrence of cases of disease in excess of what would normally be expected in a defined community, geographical area or season. The year wise data of outbreak of Scrub typhus since 2012 as shared by State Surveillance Unit Himachal Pradesh is as under:

Year	Scrub Typhus* Positive cases	Death
2012	1549	36
2013	1928	30
2014	1018	13
2015	1040	28
2016*	1169	37

*Data till 1st December 2016.
(c) & (d): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) in all States/UTs with the objective to detect and respond to disease outbreaks in epidemic prone areas. To support the States/UTs in outbreak investigation, they are provided with additional manpower, training of identified Rapid Response Team (RRT) members for outbreak investigations, strengthening of laboratories for detection of epidemic prone diseases, ICT equipment for data entry, analysis and data transfer, and provision of funds for operationalization. The details of funds released and expenditure incurred by the States under IDSP during the last three years are given in annexure. A CD Alert on Scrub typhus has been prepared and is available on the NCDC website.